



# THE MODDER NEWS

Your weekly news updates from the fairways

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## CLUB NEWS

### The most meaningful win of 2017

At the start of 2017, no one would have predicted the most meaningful victory in professional golf would occur at a relatively anonymous LPGA Tour stop. The Cambia Portland Classic is not a major. It's not on network TV. It's not the Solheim Cup. And yet it was this 45-year-old event, held the first weekend in September, where Stacy Lewis turned a tragic set of circumstances unfolding more than 2,000 miles away into an emotional triumph the entire golf world could embrace. A week earlier, Lewis' hometown of Houston was hit by Hurricane Harvey, a Category 4 storm that caused widespread flooding along parts of the Texas Gulf Coast. Lewis had been on the road competing when Harvey blew threw. She was in contact with her husband, Gerrod Chadwell, coach of the women's golf team at the University of Houston, who gave her updates about the storm's devastating impact. Lewis' family was, thankfully, safe and unharmed, and her husband's team was fine, too. Yet tens of thousands in her community had their lives thrown into chaos, their homes damaged or destroyed, their possessions washed away. Lewis' despair was real and heartfelt as the 32-year-old two-time LPGA player of the year traveled from Ottawa and the Canadian Pacific Women's Open to Oregon for the tour's next event. Her neighbors were in distress, and she wanted to help. But how? Was returning home to help with recovery efforts enough, or was there something else she could do? "Talking to my husband and knowing what was going on back home, I felt so helpless in Portland," said Lewis, who recently spoke to Golf World having had time to reflect on the uneasy circumstances of that moment. "I needed to give myself a purpose for being there. I saw other players were doing things like donating a certain amount of money per birdie, and I was like, *What if I just donate my check?* The winner at Columbia Edgewater Country Club would receive \$195,000. "I never really talked to anyone about it other than my husband," Lewis said. "It was a quick decision." Anyone who knows the former NCAA champion and All-American at Arkansas, who has earned more than \$12 million in her LPGA career, knows she goes into every tournament focused on winning. Yet the desire to perform—and the pressure that accompanies it—increases when you're playing for a cause. The clarity that overtook Lewis freed her up to play some very good golf. After rounds of 70-64-65, she led by three strokes heading into Sunday. The quiet little story coming out of Oregon suddenly started to echo nationally. As if the pressure to win for Houston wasn't great enough, there was also the little matter of Lewis coming face-to-face with one of the most confounding streaks on tour. After claiming 11 titles from April 2011 to June 2014, she had gone the next 39 months without a victory. In that same time, she had accumulated a frustrating 12 runner-up finishes. Sunday's final round didn't lack for drama. Over the course of the afternoon, In Gee Chun chipped into Lewis' lead, which had shrunk to just one stroke when they played the par-4 18th. Lewis hit her drive into a fairway bunker, but she put her approach to about 25 feet. Chun went long on her approach, and chipped to six feet from the hole. That meant Lewis had two putts to win. She lagged the first, and the three-footer par found the hole for a closing 69 and a 20-under total, one off the tournament record. Lewis isn't one to be outwardly emotional. Yet she broke down on the 18th when Chadwell, who had flown from Houston to surprise her, was there to celebrate with her on the green.

"I remember making the putt," Lewis recalls, "and seeing my husband there—I didn't know he was coming. Everything was a blur. I was so surprised. For the two of us, it'd been an emotional week. It was hard being apart."

Happy Golfing.  
The Modder Team

## UPCOMING GOLF COMPS

**SATURDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**  
Betterball Stableford

**SUNDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**  
Betterball Stableford

**WEDNESDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**  
Mike's Day

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SATURDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**  
Joker Draw – R12 500

## SATURDAY NIGHTS



16<sup>th</sup> December 2017  
R12 500  
**18H30** **18H30**



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## RESULTS

	SATURDAY	
	MENS - AM	MENS - PM
<b>COMPETITION</b>	<b>Betterball Stableford</b>	<b>Betterball Stableford</b>
Winner	M Wende & D Keys 45 pts c/o	B Baiocchi & E Nicholas 45 pts
Runner-up	G Gladwin & D Erasmus 45 pts	K Hills & S Hills 44 pts
3rd Place	E Keague & S Davies 44 pts	B Mancer & I Griesel 43 pts
4th Place	W Joubert & A Civin 42 pts c/o	
<b>NEAREST THE PIN</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>3rd</b>
	D Hoehler	D Lotis
<b>WINNING TEAM</b>	<b>Captain 328 pts vs Vice Captain 285 pts</b>	

### SUNDAY AM – Ind Stableford

**WINNER:** M Tipping 32 pts

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This years' amazing Christmas deals - from 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Members R 150.00 all day

Affiliated R 250.00 all day

Non affiliated R 350.00 all day

From the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – one tee start on Mondays, Tuesday, Thursdays and Fridays

Note:- Affiliated and Hcp card fees to be paid before the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017



## LADIES SECTION

Thank you to all our ladies who have supported the club and our ladies events this year. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas surrounded by loved ones and filled with happiness. If you are driving please take care.

We look forward to seeing you in 2018. Ladies Committee duties will commence on 13 January 2018 and our first event will be the Medal Champs on 20 January.

Have a good weekend of golfing.

Ally

## BIRTHDAYS

**THURSDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

J Greyling

**FRIDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

A Prigge

**SATURDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

D Botes  
S Davies  
J Kapp

**SUNDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

H Van Rensburg

**MONDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

W Riley  
L Van Den Bergjan

**TUESDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

G Davies

**WEDNESDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

R Cordeiro  
D Watson



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## GOLFING TIPS

### How to Score Better Through Proper Golf Course Management Start Thinking Two Shots Ahead

Often it can be our tendency to try to cover as much ground as possible with every single shot. The problem with this strategy is that it can lead to taking a number of undue risks. In general, this type of action usually stems from only planning one shot at a time instead of creating a more well thought-out strategy.

For example, think of a time when you've been faced with a long second shot on a par five. Perhaps your ball has landed just off the fairway and is sitting in a challenging lie in the short rough. Ahead of you is 270 yards to the green (a distance you can't reach even with your best 3-wood swing). Chances are you've been in this position before and you've grabbed the 3-wood out of the bag thinking you might as well smash it as far as you can and try to get close enough for a short pitch shot.

The problem with this decision is that you are introducing a lot of unneeded risk into your game. Hitting a 3-wood out of the rough is a difficult shot, and the low loft increases your chances of not getting the ball in the air, as well as generating quite a bit of side spin. All this leads to an increased chance of an errant shot that can require quite a bit of work to just save par.

Now let's try a different method instead. Faced with the same shot try thinking through the hole backwards by trying to envision what shot you would feel comfortable playing next. In this case, perhaps you know that you could easily hit the green from a fairway lie at about 125 yards out. Given that you are currently 270 yards from the green, all you need to do to setup that next shot is move the ball another 145 yards! This is something which can be done fairly easily with a high lofted iron (a club that's far easier to hit from the rough than a 3-wood).

Can you see how this approach is a much easier way of managing the course? Sure it might not be as glamorous as hitting that long 3-wood but it certainly makes for an easier par than having to scramble back if you didn't hit that first shot perfectly!

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